The PEAIS scheme envisages that all States, including Andhra Pradesh would be eligible to receive funds under it, if it shows progress in respect of the criteria stated out in the devolution index.

(e) and (f) 26 demands have been listed in the charter of demands adopted by the local Government representatives of Andhra Pradesh on 6th January, 2007 in Hyderabad. The demands have been forwarded to the Government of Andhra Pradesh. One of the demands stands fulfilled with the constitution of District Planning Committees in Andhra Pradesh.

Posting of IAS/IPS Officers in Jharkhand

†1105. SHRI AJAY MAROO: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the officers of Indian Administrative Service and Indian Police Service are posted in Jharkhand in consonance with the sanctioned posts;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the work of Government is not affected due to shortage of officers; and

(d) if so, the action being taken by Government to meet this shortage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) and (d) In Jharkhand Cadre, as on 1.1.2007, the total authorized strength of IAS officers was 143 posts against which 21 officers were in position. With a view to making more IAS officers available to States including Jharkhand, the Central Government has also decided to increase the intake of Direct recruit officers beginning this year. Besides, the Central Government has also determined 04 State Civil Services (SCS) 02 Non-SCS vacancies for the year 2007 for Jharkhand.

As on 1.1.2007, against the total authorized strength of 110 in IPS, the number of posts sanctioned for the State Government was 86 (excluding Central Deputation Reserve) against which 75 IPS officers were in position. In addition, 04 Direct Recruit IPS officers are expected to join the Cadre from the Civil Services Examination, 2006. Further, 15 more officers will be selected against the Promotion Quota (PQ) vacancies as per the procedure for filling up PQ posts. Filling up of the vacancies of the Promotion Quota is an ongoing process and the UPSC has been requested to expedite the same.

Conference of CIC and SIC

†1106. SHRI MOTILAL VORA:
SHRI SATYAVRAT CHATURVEDI:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether a conference of Central Information Commission and State Information Commissions was held recently in Delhi;

(b) whether CIC has submitted its recommendation to Government;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) by when decision would be taken on these recommendations?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) A conference of the Central Information Commission with the State Chief Information Commissioners and Information Commissioners was held in Delhi on 17th October, 2007.

(b) and (c) The Conference made recommendations regarding enforcement of section 4 of the Right to Information Act, 2005, autonomy to the Central Information Commission and the State Information Commissions, giving power of contempt to the Commissions, payment of honorarium to Public Information Officers and Assistant Public Information Officers, enforcement of decisions of the Commissions etc.

(d) No time frame has been fixed.

Number of Posts of Officers

1107. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of posts of Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary and Director in Government of India;

(b) the number of SC/ST/OBC officers presently working on the above posts and their percentage;

(c) whether the percentage of SC/ST/OBC officers on these posts is as per their percentage in their respective cadres;

(d) if not, the reasons therefor; and

(e) the steps Government proposes to take to promote SC/ST/OBC officers as per their percentage in their cadres and by what time?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF PERSONNEL, PUBLIC GRIEVANCES AND PENSIONS (SHRI SURESH PACHOURI): (a) and (b) The number of officers presently working at the level of Secretary, Additional Secretary, Joint Secretary and Director, in Government of India and the number of SC/ST officers on these posts are given below.

	Secretary level	Additional Secretary level	Joint Secretary level	Director level
Total No. of officers	118	117	447	711
No. of SCs	02	06	25	45
% age of SCs	1.69	5.13	5.59	6.33
No. of STs	02	04	14	20
% age of STs	1.69	3.42	3.13	2.81

As regards the number of OBC officers, it is stated that data regarding OBC status of the officers was not being obtained at the time of appointment of officers prior to 1994 and is therefore not available.